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**From:** Bradfish, Larry  
**Sent:** Wed 11/18/2015 4:21:31 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Refugio lit hold, not in Encase?

From Andrew's email, this looks like the Refugio lit hold did go out through Encase, but I don't see it in Encase. Strange.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015 8:06 AM  
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Steve,

Thanks for continuing to look into this. Here is the lit hold post, from June (my memory was off by a bit). I have the memos if we need to start from scratch, but I'd assume that this should be there somewhere, no?

Best,

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**To:** Helmlinger, Andrew <[Helmlinger.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Helmlinger.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Litigation Hold notice regarding the Refugio Oil Spill and the liability of Plains Pipeline LP under CWA Section 311(b), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") is implementing a litigation hold because the Agency reasonably anticipates litigation against or between Plains Pipeline, L.P., sometimes referenced as Plains All-American ("Plains"), regarding the pipeline oil spill affecting Refugio State Beach, located approximately 23 miles west of Santa Barbara, California (the "Site"). Accordingly, all Agency employees with possession, custody or control over any materials, whether paper, electronic, or tangible things, such as laboratory samples or other physical evidence, that are potentially relevant to this matter are directed to preserve those materials until further notice.

Please click the link below to view the entire litigation hold notice and questions pertaining to this matter. NOTE: You must be logged into the EPA Network to access this link.

We recognize that your time is valuable and appreciate your cooperation - the legal team is also expending considerable time and resources to support this matter and appreciates your continued support.

Failure to promptly respond to the questions found at the end of the litigation hold notice will result in automatic reminders to your email account until compliance is obtained.

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